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OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM

BSC/Ops/073
Berlin
19 May 1947

TO : []
FROM : [] []
SUBJECT: CAMISADE Situation Report

1. At his last interview with PREGNANT on 14 May 1947, CAMISADE learned that his meetings with PREGNANT would be interrupted for a time as PREGNANT was going away for a month's leave. In his absence, the case officer would be the Major whom CAMISADE had met once before, on 26 March 1947 (cf BSC/Ops/046). So far, CAMISADE has not been able to learn the Major's name, nor that of interpreter DOOCIA's successor.

2. In the meantime CAMISADE is in difficulty at ADN. He was called in by SEIBERT, chief of the Germany Desk, who informed him that since he was not in the Presse Verband (journalists' union) he could no longer be kept on at ADN. In view of his past political background, it was too risky for ADN to retain him and take the chance that the opposition would make publicity of the fact. However, if and when he could get accepted by the Presse Verband, he would be welcomed back to ADN. In the meantime, he was to consider himself on a two weeks' paid vacation, to begin 10 May 1947. After his vacation, ADN would be pleased to continue receiving material from him on a free lance basis -- reviews of concerts and plays and so forth.

Field Comment: A year ago, after only three weeks' trial, CAMISADE was dropped from SNB (cf BSC 359) just when PREGNANT had left for his annual leave; this time his position at ADN has become endangered just when PREGNANT again announced his departure.

PREGNANT had promised to use his influence to get CAMISADE into the Presse Verband. If that does not work, CAMISADE will try to learn the irregular methods used by former Nazis like GERICKE and BRETZ, both of whom are in the Presse Verband and are employed at ADN.

Never in too good a financial situation since the war, CAMISADE will be almost without any income when his vacation is at an end. He can earn between 20 and 30 marks per article as music and theater critic. Until he can be reinstated in ADN, he will receive from us a subsidy of a carton of cigarettes per month, which he states will see him through financially.

During PREGNANT's absence, and since the Russians have given him no new briefs, CAMISADE will continue to furnish this office with information on the ADN.

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